GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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Development of Youth
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to formulate any strategy for improvement/ development in youth and sports activities in the country and if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether adequate funds are available in the country for youth and sports activities in the country and if so, the details thereof;
(c) the details of schemes/programmes being implemented alongwith the funds allocated/released for this purpose, statewise and scheme/programmewise and the number of youth hostels and stadia constructed during each of the last three years and the current year including in Chhattisgarh; and
(d) the details of steps taken by the Government for increasing the allocation to the State Governments for youth and sports activities?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)
(a) The Ministry is already implementing various schemes for the development of youth and sports in the country as under: -
Department of Youth Affairs:
i) Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS)
ii) National Service Scheme (NSS)
iii) Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD)
iv) National Youth Corps (NYC)
v) National Programme for Youth and Adolescent Development (NPYAD)
vi) International Cooperation
vii) Youth Hostel
viii) Assistance to Scouting and Guiding Organisations
ix) National Young Leaders Programme (NYLP)
Department of Sports
x) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Abhiyan (RGKA)
xi) Urban Sports Infrastructure Scheme
xii) Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations
xiii) National Sports Development Fund (NSDF)
xiv) Talent Search & Training (TS&T)/Scheme of Human Resource Development in Sports
xv) Scheme of Special Cash Awards
xvi) Scheme of Pension to Meritorious Sportspersons
xvii) Scheme of Sports and Games for persons with disabilities
xviii) Grant-in-aid to Sports Authority of India (SAI)
xix) Lakshmibai National Institute of Physical Educations (LNIPE)
xx) Anti Doping activities (NADA+NDTL+WADA)
xxi) Commonwealth Games 2010.
xxii) National Institute of Sports Science & Sports Medicine
xxiii) National Institute of Sports Coaching
xxiv) National Physical Fitness Programme Resource Centre at Gwalior
xxv) Scheme for Identification and Nurturing of Sporting Talent in the Country (INSTAL)-Sports Schools at District Level
xxvi) Enhancement of Sports Facility in J & K
xxvii) National Sports University, Manipur
xxviii) National Sports Talent Search System Programme
(b) & (c): Yes, Madam. A National Youth Policy-2014 has been introduced with a vision to empower youth of the country to achieve their full potential and through them enable India to find its rightful place in the community of nation. Similarly there is a National Sports Policy, 2001 for promotion of sports in the country. Adequate funds are available for development of youth and sports activities in the country. Details of funds allocated and

released scheme-wise during the last three years and current year are given in Annexure. Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports does not maintain details of stadia constructed in States including Chhatisgarh. A total of 83 Youth Hostels under this Ministry's scheme have been constructed across the country and one more Youth Hostel is in advanced stage of construction. No new Youth Hostel has been constructed in the country during the last 3 years and current year including in the State of Chhatisgarh as the erstwhile Planning Commission (Now NITI Aayog) advised not to take up any new construction of Youth Hostel, but to complete only the ongoing projects, till a suitable PPP Model is finalised.

(d) As 'sports' is a State subject, budgetary allocation to the State governments for sports activities is not done by the Union Government. It is responsibility of State Governments to make increased allocation for sports activities from their own resources. Release of grants by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports for development of youth and sports activities in the States at present is done from the budgetary allocation made for the Ministry's three Schemes viz., National Service Scheme, Rajiv Gandhi Khel Abhiyan Scheme and Urban Sports Infrastructure Scheme.

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